

2008 BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS
STATE OF THE TOWN
RTM
8 DECEMBER 2008

PRIORITY: OPEN AND COMMUNITY SPACE

Accomplished

- Reviewed 4 properties that became available for purchase
- Began negotiations for purchase of one property, awaiting appraisals for 2 of the properties
- Established Darien Tree Commission
- Established Darien Energy Task Force
- Continued to improve the parks and beaches by hiring
- Accepted the gift of the playground by the sound for Wee Beach
- Completed Gorham's Pond Dam repair
- Completed topographical mapping
- Began LaForge Road project
- Hire Milone and McBroom to conduct drainage study
- Established land use policy for 35 Leroy
- Established (Community Homes at Leroy Advisory Committee CHALAC
- Voted to establish the Housing Trust Fund

PRIORITY: TRAFFIC TRANSPORTATION

Accomplishments

- Continued to work with DPD, DPC to address congestion issues along the Post Road and Noroton Heights and speed issues throughout town
- Continued federal program for street sign replacement
- Increased road paving in this fiscal year
- Issued bids for Noroton Heights Train Station stair replacement
- Began food station improvements at both rail stations
- Partnered with Baywater Properties to pave and install new lights in Center Street Parking Lot
- Testified before the State Transportation Committee opposing the proposed FAA redesign
- Raised annual parking fees for rail station parking
- Met with the CDOT interim and newly appointed DOT commissioners to review regional transportation and local transportation issues
- Met with ad hoc group to work on bike safety routes in town

PRIORITY: DOWNTOWN AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Accomplishments

- Supported DRI initiatives
- Identified steps toward building a plan to underground the utility lines

- Continue to work with property and business owners.

PRIORITY: HOUSING

Accomplishments

- Approved an affordable housing policy for the Town of Darien
- Reviewing a draft affordable housing plan for the town
- Began the implementation of Board of Selectmen land use policy for the Senior Center property
- Assisted The Cottage in Darien

PRIORITY: TECHNOLOGY

Accomplishments

- Established Website Committee
- Secured grant for